

of the children, they are caught by letting a long string float  
at the stern, when they get it entangled in their wrists, and  
are drawn on deck. When caught they speedily become sea sick.  
Bringing up an oily matter, which if due care is not taken  
irreparably soils their breasts which are pure white. They  
cannot rise from the deck any height, when killed they  
emit a strong smoky odour, one of the second class passengers  
eat one and pronounced it palatable but somewhat peculiar  
in flavour. They have not succeeded in catching more  
than one of the other sorts of birds. It was remarked a  
short time ago in the "Paper" that our good ship did  
not know how to roll, the experience of today has falsified  
such an idea, I have before said that one day we rolled in  
right earnest, but it was mere child's play, compared  
to the rolling of today, our plates, and their contents,  
not to mention the knives and forks, &c. seemed endowed  
with life, and showed very decided tendencies to start  
on voyages of discovery, at times it was necessary to make  
a sudden grasp at a sliding dish, or fallen bottle, or trout  
knife, at the same time maintaining ones own balance,  
it was a case of meals "under difficulties," the frame work  
kept constantly on the table (much to the inconvenience of readers & writers)  
was scarcely sufficient protection, the exertions of the  
Stewards in bringing the various comestibles their several  
distributions were entertaining, one a black fellow (named  
Silva) came to grief with a furzen of sauce in his hand.  
with all our experience it was difficult to maintain an  
ones equilibrium when on ones legs, when grooving about  
the saloon it was usual to make an incense fresh at the  
cabin doors, as though with an evident intention to burst  
them open, at dinner one little girl suddenly disappeared  
under the table with her knife and fork in her hand  
I never hit the merriment of her companions. We  
had the first wave of any consequence over the quarter  
deck today. The Captain has been unable to take an  
observation with any degree of certainty for three or four  
days in consequence of the roll.

9<sup>th</sup> During the night the rolling was tremendous few slept  
I was awake about two a.m. for the unpleasant consciousness  
of the fact that my water cask was rolling from one end of  
my cabin to the other having been dislodged by a deep roll  
than ordinary, three chairs got loose in the saloon, and by  
some means decreased the bulk of the. In one cabin there was a  
mixture of sweet pickle, pickle and water &c. &c. rolling about the  
floor much to the disgust, as well as amusement of the occupants.